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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/923,358
Applicants: Yoshiyuki KUMAZAWA, et al.
Filing Date: August 8, 2001
For: CHEESE YIELD ENHANCING METHOD
Group Art Unit: 1761
Examiner: Wong

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response and Request for Reconsideration, Exhibit A

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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In response to the Official Action dated February 24, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Wong for indicating that the Restriction Requirement has been withdrawn and for examining all the claims.

Present Claims 8-21 relate to methods for producing cheese, which comprise:

- (1) mixing a partial hydrolysate of milk whey protein with a milk material, to obtain a first mixture;
- (2) coagulating said mixture with a milk coagulating enzyme, to obtain a second mixture comprising cheese curd and whey.